

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINK.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND DOUBLING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO* will be dispatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 22nd January, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Indian Oceans of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and all other ports, will be allowed a discount of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10% will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25% from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

O. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, December 30, 1886. 2439

NORDBEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, TRISTE, BRINDISI, ANTWERP, BREMEN, HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS; ALSO, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LOGGERS.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON MONDAY, the 24th day of January, 1887, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *NECKAR*, Captain BAU, with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above. Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 23rd January. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required. The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board. For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 28, 1886. 2432

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship *GASLO* will be dispatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 1st February, at 3 p.m. Connection will be made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Return Passage—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 50% from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10% will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25% from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

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C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, January 11, 1887. 65

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour—

Andros, German brig, Captain John Focke. —Schellhass & Co.

Exos, Sloop, American ship, Capt. J. T. Soule. —Master.

Ingolster, British barque, Capt. James Hayes. —Master.

Sarah Hovette, American ship, Capt. A. Morgan. —Ed. Schellhass & Co.

Vestura, Spanish barque, Captain R. Estival. —Benedict & Co.

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA; BORDEAUX, LE VIRE, DUNKIRK, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

ON TUESDAY, the 26th January, 1887, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *SAGHALIEY*, Commandant HON. M. S. MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 25th January, 1887. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply to the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, January 12, 1887. 69

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Jason*, Capt. MILLIGAN, will be dispatched as above on

WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 20, 1887. 109

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Tripan*, W. M. DODD, Comdr, will be dispatched as above on

WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant.

Two attention of Passengers is directed to the superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins are situated forward of the Engines. Second-class Passengers are accommodated in the Cabin. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 20, 1887. 110

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 20, 1887: *Independent*, German steamer, 871, A. Hasenwinkler, Saigon January 14, Rice, Wheat & Co.

Wells, German steamer, 395, E. Piper, Agents.

EXPORT CARGOES.

Par S. S. *Kaiser-i-Hind*, sailed 15th Jan. —From Hongkong and Canton: For London, 60 bales Fine Silk, 45 cases Silk Piece Goods, 241 bales Waste Silk, 20 cases Bricks.

Hobbs January 18, General.—WHEELER & Co.

Patrocks, British steamer, 1,386, Thompson, Shanghai January 16, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Meifoo, Chinese steamer, 1,539, J. Varwick, Shanghai and Swatow January 15, General.—G. M. S. N. Co.

Tswei, British steamer, 1,349, Coleridge, Saigon January 10, Rice and Paddy.—ORDER.

Ingabun, German steamer, 783, Napmann, Swatow January 19, General.—BUN HIN CHAN.

China, German steamer, 1,433, P. Hays, Bangkok January 13, Rice.—YUEN FAR HONG.

Meiji Maru, Japanese cruiser, 1,010, Capt. Allen, Amoy January 19.

Stettin, German str., 1,816, F. Warnke, Yokohama January 12, Kobo 14, and Nagasaki 16, Mails & General.—MELCHERS & Co.

Strathgairn, British str., 1,236, Broughton, (Japan) Nagasaki January 15, Coal.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Pu-shin, Chinese steamer, from Whampoa.

China, German steamer, 646, T. P. Ciderup, Saigon January 15, Paddy.—MELCHERS & Co.

DEPARTURES.

January 20: *Chintong*, for Swatow and Shanghai.

Thais, for Coast Port and Patrocks, for Singapore and London.

Ingabun, for Singapore.

Kong Bay, for Bangkok.

Carlyshire, for Yokohama.

Meifoo, for Whampoa.

CLEARING.

Marie, for Haiphong.

Guilford, for Bangkok.

Pera, for Saigon.

Albany, for Yokohama.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For Wells, from Rollow, 8 Chinese.

For *Yubucha*, from Shanghai, 6 Chinese.

For *Meifoo*, from Shanghai, 8; Mr P. Foster, and 33 Chinese.

For *Ingabun*, from Swatow, 510 Chinese.

For *Stettin*, from Yokohama, Mr Paul Leunhardt, General Nogi, Kawahara, Kawanishi, Noda, Taka, Tanaka, Nye, Eteki, Jashima, Takayama, Nango, Tano, and 12 Chinese.

For *Thais*, for Swatow, Mrs and Miss Footen, Miss Waller, and Mr Headop; for Amoy, Mr and Mrs Master Malumpu.

For *Chintong*, for Swatow, 12 Chinese.

For *Kong Bay*, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese.

For *Ingabun*, for Singapore, 690 Chinese.

To DEPART.

For *Marie*, for Haiphong, 30 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer *Meifoo* reports: Had moderate to fresh winds from N. to N.E. with cloudy weather.

The German steamer *Stettin* reports: On the passage down from Yokohama to Nagasaki throughout the inland sea, we had fine weather. From Nagasaki to Hongkong, on the 17th and 18th, the weather was dark with misty weather, fresh N.N.W. winds and rough sea, until Octauo Island; thence the sky cleared up and it became fine weather till Hongkong. Arrived here on the 20th at 11 a.m.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessel.	Captain.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Amoy.	Borneo (s).	Wilkinson.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	January 22, at noon.
Genoa, &c.	Bormida (s).	Pizzarello.	Carlowitz & Co.	Jan. 22, at daylight.
Hamburg, and Ports of Call.	Nékar (s).	Baur.	Carlowitz & Co.	January 24, at noon.
Kobe.	Olympia (s).	Gazko.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	January 26, at 3 p.m.
London, via Suez Canal.	Jason (s).	Milligan.	Butterfield & Swire.	January 26.
Manila.	Zafra (s).	Talbot.	Russell & Co.	January 22, at 5 p.m.
Marseilles, and Ports of Call.	Saghalien (s).	Honory.	Messageries Maritimes.	January 26, at noon.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.	Felbertan (s).	Honory.	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	January 22, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, via Yokohama.	Gaslo (s).	R. Meikle.	O. & O. S. S. Co.	February 1, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, via Yokohama.	Bryllida (s).	Purdy.	Butterfield & Swire.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai, via Amoy.	Durdanne (s).	Purdy.	Butterfield & Swire.	January 22.
Sydney and Melbourne, &c.	Talyuan (s).	W. M. Dodd.	Butterfield & Swire.	February 2, at noon.
Trieste, &c.	Possidon (s).	G. Donich.	O. Bachrach.	February 2, at noon.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

JANUARY 20, 1887.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Position per Last Report.	Last Dividend.	Dividend on Shares.
BANKS.						
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	50,000	124	all	£ 111,760.34	£2 div. 4 years (June 30, 1885)	169 3/4 prem.
INSURANCES.						
Norfolk-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	24 1/2	all	£ 100,000	£4 div. 4 years (Dec. 31, 1884)	£1.270 per share
Yangtze Insurance Company, Ltd.	2,000	2	all	£ 50,000	£4 div. 4 years (Dec. 31, 1884)	£1.115
Union Assurance Society Co., Ltd.	10,000	25 1/2	all	£ 75,000	£4 div. 4 years (Dec. 31, 1884)	£1.115
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	25,000	88 3/4	all	£ 187,224.50	£4 div. 4 years (Dec. 31, 1884)	£1.115
Chinese Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	all	£ 188,000	£4 div. 4 years (Dec. 31, 1884)	£1.115
San Francisco Insurance Co., Ltd.	1,000	1,000	all	£ 287,115.50	£4 div. 4 years (Dec. 31, 1884)	£1.115
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	250	all	£ 1,000,000	£4 div. 4 years (Dec. 31, 1884)	£1.115
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	all	£ 500,000	£4 div. 4 years (Dec. 31, 1884)	£1.115
Singapore Insurance Company, Ltd.	40,000	100	all	£ 17,000	£4 div. 4 years (Dec. 31, 1884)	£1.115
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.						
H. K. O. and M. Steamship Co., Ltd.	8,000	100	all	£ 180,000	£12 3/4 half year 8 3/4 half year 8 3/4 half year 8 3/4 half year	£32 prem.
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	50	all	£ 142,370.61	£115.13	£4
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	18,387 1/2	11 1/2	all	£ 4,387.97	£ 9 3/4 for 1885	per
60,000 shares issued	31,212 1/2	16 1/2	all	£ 100,000	£ 100,000	£ 100,000
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	3,000	100	all	£ 100,000	£ 100,000	£ 100,000
MISCELLANEOUS.						
H. K. and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	12,500	12 1/2	all	£ 18,000	£ 7,001.43	£ 7,001.43
H. K. and China Gas Co., Limited.	5,190 1/2	10	all	£ 1,135.30	£ 1,135.30	£ 1,135.30
New Shera.	1,900 1/2	10 1/2	all	£ 1,917.31	£ 1,917.31	£ 1,917.31
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	3,000	100	all	£ 1,921.11	£ 1,921.11	£ 1,921.11
3,000 shares issued	3,000	100	all	£ 1,921.11	£ 1,921.11	£ 1,921.11
Onim Sugar Company, Limited.	6,000	10	all	£ 13,451.51	£ 13,451.51	£ 13,451.51
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.	6,000	10	all	£ 30.60	£ 30.60	£ 30.60
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	6,000	50	all	£ 6,500	£ 6,500	£ 6,500
Luen Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	10	all	£ 1,024.02	£ 1,024.02	£ 1,024.02
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	5,000	10	all	£ 5,000	£ 5,000	£ 5,000
Perak Tin Mining & S'ing Co., Ltd.	6,000	50	all	£ 5,000	£ 5,000	£ 5,000
Punjab & Sindh Dug Sanatani Mining Co., Ltd.	40,000	10	all	£ 10,000	£ 10,000	£ 10,000
H. K. & Kw. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	17,000	100	all	£ 17,000	£ 17,000	£ 17,000
H. K. Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	3,000	50	all	£ 3,000	£ 3,000	£ 3,000
H. & M. Glass Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	4,000	50	all	£ 4,000	£ 4,000	£ 4,000
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	3,000	100	all	£ 372.95	£ 372.95	£ 372.95
H. K. High-Low Tramway Co., Ltd.	1,250	100	all	£ 1,250	£ 1,250	£ 1,250
LOANS.						
Chinese Imperial 1881	8,568 1/2	500	all	£ 279.00	£ 279.00	£ 279.00
" " 1884	279.00	500	all	£ 279.00	£ 279.00	£ 279.00
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Chinese Imp. (Ch. Bank Loan) 1885	279.00	500	all	£ 279.00	£ 279.00	£ 279.00

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Tolera* leaves for Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.

General Memoranda.

Monday, January 24: Local Banks close.

Goods per *Cardigan* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Wednesday, January 26: Goods per *Albany* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Wednesday, February 2: 3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the H. K. O. & M. Steamship Co., Ltd., at No. 7, Queen's Road Central.

Friday, February 13: Transfer Books of Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 20th instant, inclusive.

Saturday, February 26: 11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at No. 14, Praya Central.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

ARE NOW OFFERING FOR SALE AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES, THE REMAINDER OF THEIR SEASON'S STOCK OF CHRISTMAS CONFECTIONERY, comprising: CRYSTALLIZED FIGS, APRICOTS, GREENGAGES, &c., BOXED FRUITS, FIGS, RAISINS, JORDAN ALMONDS, ASSORTED FRENCH SWEETS, CHOCOLATES, FANCY BOXES, ORANJERS, &c., &c., &c.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited. HONGKONG DISPENSARY. Hongkong, January 13, 1887. 77

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *City of Rio de Janeiro* will be dispatched on SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows: 2.15 p.m. Registry closes. 2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes. But Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with *Letter Fee* of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Packet *Paquet* *Saghalien* will be dispatched on TUESDAY, the 25th instant, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, the Australian Colonies, Pondichery, Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar. The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

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new children, and although the phrase in the body of the ordinance is "any woman," Mr. Brereton held that the scope of the ordinance was limited by the preamble; and that it could not be held to apply to Europeans, Japanese, Americans or any but Chinese. His Lordship supported him in this contention, holding that the preamble was the key to the act. He must hold, he said, that Anan was separated from China, the Chinese having no jurisdiction there. He therefore ordered the jury to acquit the accused, granting, however, their detention till the end of the Session to allow the Attorney General to see if he could prosecute under the common law. An edifying point connected with this matter is that, on the admission of the Attorney General, at least one conviction had been obtained under similar circumstances, no one having raised the objection which was now declared valid.

RECAPITULATION of the M. M. Co.'s steamer *Sagittaria* having been fully completed, that vessel proceeding on a trial trip to Macao to-day, a few friends of Captain Timony being present on board by invitation. Among others who were present were—H. E. Major-General Cameron and family, Lieut.-Colonel Anderson, Mrs. and Misses Morant and others. The vessel left her moorings at the Cosmopolitan Dock at 8.30 and steamed towards Macao by the outside passage, coming to an anchor about seven miles from the shore. It had been intended to land at Macao in a launch provided by H. E. the Governor of Macao, but as the sea was rather rough the Company decided to remain on board. On the way over the Company were provided with a comfortable breakfast. A start for home again was made at about two o'clock, and shortly after leaving, the Company set down to a *déjeuner à la fourchette*, of a *recherché* description, which was done ample justice to by the guests, the fresh breeze and keen air having given them an excellent appetite. The health of Captain Timony was pronounced in very cordial terms by General Cameron, who said a great deal in praise of the M. M. Co.'s steamers, alluding more particularly to the carefulness with which they were navigated and the attention and hospitality met with on board them. Captain Timony replied. The *Sagittaria* returned here about half-past four, the company having passed a very pleasant day indeed. Everything worked in perfect order, and great satisfaction was felt by the Dock Company with the manner in which the Dock Company had executed the repairs.

The San Francisco correspondent of the *N. Y. Herald* says:—A number of Chinese men in this city propose to visit China on the occasion of the coronation of the young Emperor. Collector Hager, of this port, is throwing obstacles in the way of their return. Two Chinese merchants from New York feared they would visit San Francisco by the new Canadian Pacific route, and accordingly took ship at Victoria for this port. They were not allowed to land, as they had come from foreign ports.

It is intended, according to information supplied to *Truth*, to construct a large tower in London, in commemoration of the jubilee year of her Majesty's reign. This tower is to be 440 feet high at the extreme top, and 42 feet at the top platform, from which may be seen eight or nine counties. It will overlook every other structure yet built in London. The base of the tower will be 75 feet square, and there will be a foundation of a mile square. It is proposed to erect this structure at the top of Oxford Street, where the ground is high, and it is expected that the work will be commenced in January next. The ironwork of which there are some hundred tons is placed in the hands of the Hoxley Iron Company, of Westminster and Tottenham, who have been ordered to erect the tower. The excavations and brickwork will be carried out by Messrs. William King and Sons, of Piccadilly. Mr. John Horton is the managing director.

SAFETY OF THE CREW OF THE STRATHEDEN.

We learn that a telegram was received here yesterday stating that the British corvette *Stratheden*, which went out in search of the missing man-of-war *Undul Koh*, had arrived at Singapore with the crew of the British steamer *Stratheden*, wrecked on the Paracels while on her way from Hongkong to Saigon on the 27th Dec. It will be remembered that the Captain of the *Stratheden*, along with the second officer and a Malay seaman, arrived here on Thursday night last and reported the loss of their vessel, and also that the other members of the crew and eleven passengers, twenty-six, were left on board Chinese junk at the Paracels. It is very gratifying to learn that they have reached a British port in safety.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG.

The announcement that Sir George Strahan was to be the next Governor of this Colony, made by the *Ceylon Observer* and reproduced by us on New Year's Eve, is confirmed by the *Reuter's* telegram published in another column this evening. There is still some doubt, however, whether Sir George Strahan will be allowed by his medical advisers to take up his post. When he passed through Ceylon it was certainly the opinion of those who then saw him and were intimate with him that he would not be able to stand on an unseasonable summer climate; but the trip to England may have done him much good and thoroughly re-invigorated him. Sir George was born in the parish of Rathen in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, some thirty years ago, and is the son of the late Rev. W. D. Strahan, who was for many years Governor of Gordon's

Hospital, now Gordon's College, in Aberdeen. Leaving his native village when quite young, Sir George first commenced his studies at the Grammar School in Aberdeen. Afterwards he joined the University of Aberdeen, where he distinguished himself greatly, winning a prize in the University of Aberdeen, which was the gift of the then Lord Rector. He is an excellent scholar in ancient Greek and is also proficient in the knowledge of modern Greek. It was probably on this account that he was selected as a *side-decamp* to Mr. Gladstone, when that statesman was selected as Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands in 1859, the same year as Sir George Bowen retired from the chief secretaryship of the Government of these Islands. If Sir George Strahan accepts the post and comes to the Colony, this will be the first time Hongkong has been governed by a Scotchman. Sir George is a widower and has been so for a number of years, his wife, an American lady, dying a few years after their marriage. We again give his services as recorded in the Colonial Office List:—

Strahan, Major Sir Geo. C. R. A. K. C. M. G. (1880) (C.M.G. 1887).—Entered the royal artillery, Oct. 1857; was appointed, Jan. 1859, aide-de-camp to the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., when Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands; and 17th Feb. was appointed in the same capacity by the late Sir Henry Storks, G. O. M. G., K. C. B.; acted as chief secretary to the Government of Malta during a portion of the year 1869; colonial secretary, Bahamas, 1868; acting governor, Bahamas, from April, 1871, to May, 1873; appointed administrator of the Government, Lagos, 1873; governor of the Gold Coast Colony, July 1874; governor of the Windward Islands, 1876; governor, Transvaal, 1880; appointed to administer the Government of the Cape of Good Hope, and to H.M.'s high commissioner for South Africa, in 1886, pending the arrival of Sir Hercules Robinson in the colony. Since 1881 he has been Governor of Transvaal.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT THE DIOCESAN HOME.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils attending the Diocesan Home and Orphanage took place this forenoon. The Hon. A. P. MacEwen had consented to make the distribution, but a pressing engagement made subsequently prevented him from attending. In his absence, the Right Rev. Bishop Burton presided; and among others, there were present:—Rev. Dr. Chalmers, Messrs G. Sharp, Hamilton Sharp, G. H. Bateson, Wright, D. R. Crawford, Rev. J. B. Ost, Rev. F. E. W. Hartmann, Dr. Horder and a number of ladies. Mr. Piery, the headmaster, and Mrs. Piery were also present.

The proceedings were begun by the Bishop intimating that Mr. MacEwen was prevented from coming by having to attend a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Piery then read his report, which is as follows:—

My Lord Bishop, ladies, and gentlemen,—"The past year has been a very successful one, and much has been done, but the unusual amount of sickness, from which in common with all our neighbours we have been suffering during the last six months. Only one person in the whole establishment has escaped fever; and at times a fourth of the scholars were on the sick list; but the blessing of God on the unremitting care of our medical advisers all recovered. This fever was not caused by any defect in the premises, but broke out in almost every home in the western portion of Hongkong, from which may be seen eight or nine counties. It will overlook every other structure yet built in London. The base of the tower will be 75 feet square, and there will be a foundation of a mile square. It is proposed to erect this structure at the top of Oxford Street, where the ground is high, and it is expected that the work will be commenced in January next. The ironwork of which there are some hundred tons is placed in the hands of the Hoxley Iron Company, of Westminster and Tottenham, who have been ordered to erect the tower. The excavations and brickwork will be carried out by Messrs. William King and Sons, of Piccadilly. Mr. John Horton is the managing director."

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